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SUBJECT: US STATEMENTS ON BOMBING IN VIETNAM

FCO IS PREPARING ANSWERS FOR FLOCK OF PARLIAMENTARY QUESTIONS ON VIETNAM AND INDOCHINA. THEY HAVE ASKED IF WE CAN VERIFY TWO REPORTS IN MAY 15 EUROPEAN EDITION OF "HERALD TRIBUNE". FIRST IS FRONT- PAGE ASSOCIATED PRESS STORY DATED PARIS QUOTING PENTAGON SPOKESMAN FRIEDHEIM STATEMENT " WE ARE NOT CONDUCTING ANY AIR COMBAT OPERATIONS OVER SOUTH VIETNAM". PAGE 2 OF SAME EDITION QUOTES SPOKESMAN FOR US EMBASSY SAIGON STATING THAT US GOVERNMENT " CERTAINLY WELCOMES ANY INVESTIGATION" BY ICCS OF COMMUNIST ALLEGATIONS THAT US HAS RESUMED BOMBING IN SOUTH VIETNAM. FCO WOULD FIND VERIFICATION OF THESE QUOTATIONS USEFUL IN DEALING WITH PARLIAMENTARY CRITICS, AND IF POSSIBLE WOULD APPRECIATE FULL TEXT OF QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS INVOLVED. WE HAVE ALREADY PROVIDED FCO WITH COPY OF KISSINGER MAY 12 PRESS BRIEFING WHICH ALSO TOUCHES ON SUBJECT.

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